A city's government wishes to attract more tourists. The city can either improve safety by hiring more police, or improve its appearance by repairing old buildings and streets. In your opinion, which approach would be more effective in attracting tourists?

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First, many historic buildings ~~are~~ lack of maintenance. Many tourists come to a city just because they want to appreciate the old buildings, the symbol of architectural heritage. If many historic buildings are not properly maintained ~~lack of maintenance~~, they will become ~~are~~ less attractive to tourists, or even collapse ~~collapsed~~. Spending budget on ~~it~~ them is really a good way to attract more tourists.

Moreover, some streets in the city are really in bad condition~~.~~, which cause That ~~caused~~ a series of problems. It ~~first~~ primarily affects the transportation of the city. The increased traffic puts heavy pressure on transportation networks. In addition ~~to that~~, many city roads are heavily damaged or their designs are outdated, which ~~of date. It~~ really affects the city’s image.

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In conclusion, ~~spending the budget in~~ repairing old buildings and streets is a more proper plan to attract more tourists.

Hi! I commend you for being able to write such an essay with sufficient details that answer the question and you were able to present your ideas in a logical manner with only minor errors in coherence, cohesion, sentence structure, grammar and vocabulary. My main concern is that you have a lot of misspelled words, which could give your readers difficulty understanding your essay. Also, be careful on how you arrange the words to present your idea. Quick tip: Read your essay aloud (if possible). If it doesn’t sound write, then it might be wrong. Meanwhile, I suggest you write more for independent writing to effectively explain your ideas. Overall, you got a score of 23. Good job! ☺

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**The Independent Writing Task**

The second task in the Writing section of TOEFL iBT is the **Independent Writing Task**.

You are presented with a question, and you have **30 minutes** to write an essay in response.

The question asks you to **give your opinion on an issue**. Here is how the question is typically phrased:

Do you **agree or disagree** with the following statement?

***[A sentence or sentences that present an issue appear here.]***

Use specific **reasons and examples** to support your answer

An effective response is typically about **300 words long**.

If you write **fewer than 300 words**, you may still receive a top score,

but experience has shown that **shorter responses** typically **do not demonstrate the development of ideas** needed to earn a score of 5.

There is **no maximum word limit**. You may write as much as you wish in the time allotted.

But do not write just to be writing; **write to respond to the topic**.

The **number of ideas** you express is important, but it is the **quality of your ideas** and

**the effectiveness** with which you express them that will be most valued by the raters.

**Example**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

***Always telling the truth is the most important consideration in any relationship.***

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

**Essay-Writing Tips**

* **Think before you write**.  
  Make a **brief outline** or **some notes** on scratch paper to help you **organize your thoughts**.  
  You can even **type your outline and notes** right in the **answer area** on the computer and  
  then **replace your outline with sentences and paragraphs**.
* **Keep track of your time**.  
  Try to **finish writing** your essay by the time the clock counts down to **4 or 5 minutes**.  
  Use the remaining time to **check your work** and make final changes.  
  **At the end of 30 minutes** your essay will be **automatically saved**.

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